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SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO GOJ POLICE, JSP AND JCP EXPECT MIDWAY TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 5, AND ARE THEREFORE PLANNING MAJOR DEMONSTRATIONS (12,000 TO POSSIBLY 40,000 PARTICIPANTS) ON SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 5 AND 7. POLICE EXPECT LITTLE OR NO TROUBLE, BUT PLAN TO EMPLOY 2,000 TO 6,000 RIOT POLICE TO MANAGE CROWDS IN NARROW YOKOSUKA AREA AND KEEP LID ON EXTREMIST STUDENTS. POLICE BELIEVE THAT INTEREST IN DEMONSTRATIONS SHOULD DISAPPEAR AFTER SECOND MIDWAY PORT CALL. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF MET WITH NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OFFICIALS SEPT 26 FOR LATEST GOJ ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY SITUATION AT YOKOSUKA IN CONNECTION MIDWAY VISIT. POLICE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT MASS ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS
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BELIEVE THAT MIDWAY WILL BE ARRIVING ON OCTOBER 5.

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THEY HAVE THEREFORE SCHEDULED THEIR MAIN DEMONSTRATIONS AT YOKOSUKA DURING THAT WEEK.

2. JSP-SOHYO AND JCP HAVE ISSUED CALLS FOR TURNOUTS OF 20,000 (REDUCED FROM PREVIOUS CALL FOR 50,000) ON SEPTEMBER 30 (NEXT PREVIOUS SUNDAY), 15,000 ON OCTOBER 5, AND 40,000 ON OCTOBER 7. POLICE BELIEVE THAT ONLYABOUT 12,000 WILL SHOW UP ON SEPTEMBER 30, BUT THAT TURNOUTS ON OCTOBER 5 AND 7 WILL MORE CLOSELY APPROXIMATE ESTIMATES OF THE SPONSORS. POLICE ARE PLANNING TO MOBILIZE 2,000 RIOT POLICE FOR SEPT 30, PERHAPS SMALLER NUMBER FOR OCTOBER 5, AND AT LEAST 6,000 FOR CLIMACTIC EVENT ON OCT 7.

3. POLICE EXPECT LITTLE OR NO TROUBLE FROM VAST MAJORITY OF DEMONSTRATORS. NOT ONLY WILL THEY BE UNDER THE USUAL TIGHT CONTROL OF THEIR JSP AND JCP SPONSORS, BUT REASON FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION, MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT, IS NOT EMOTIONAL ISSUE. ATMOSPHERE TODAY IS MUCH CALMER THAN A DECADE AGO BEFORE FIRST SSN VISIT TO YOKOSUKA WHEN LEFTIST GROUPS WERE ABLE TO MUSTER UP TO 60,000 DEMONSTRATORS, OR EVEN A YEAR AGO DURING TANK TRANSPORT DEMONSTRATIONS AT SAGAMIHARA DUE TO VIETNAM WAR. JSP AND JCP WILL, NEVERTHELESS, BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MAJOR TURNOUTS IN COMING WEEK, SINCE MIDWAY VISIT AND OCT 21 ANTI-WAR DAY ARE PROBABLY ONLY EVENTS THIS FALL WHICH THEY CAN USE IN CONTINUING ANTI-SECURITY TREATY CAMPAIGN. DESPITE EXPECTED ORDERLY BEHAVIOR OF DEMONSTRATORS, POLICE REALIZE THAT THEY FACE MAJOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROBLEM, GIVEN NARROWNESS OF SEASIDE PARK AND YOKOSUKA CITY.

4. EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS ALSO PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR POLICE, EVEN THOUGH NO MORE THAN 2,000 ARE EXPECTED IN YOKOSUKA THROUGHOUT WEEK. ABOUT 500 KAKUMARU STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PART IN SEPT 30 RALLY AND PARADE. MAJORITY OF RIOT POLICE WILL BE EMPLOYED SOLELY TO ISOLATE SUCH CONFIDENTIAL

STUDENT GROUPS AND PREVENT THEM FROM FIGHTING EACH OTHER OR ENGAGING IN HEADLINE-GRABBING ACTIVITY, SUCH AS THROWING OF FIREBOMBS OR CLIMBING OVER FENCE INTO YOKOSUKA BASE.

5. NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT JSP AND JCP INTEREST IN ORGANIZING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST MIDWAY DEPLOYMENT WILL DISAPPEAR AFTER THE SECOND PORT

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CALL OF THE VESSEL.

6. COMMENT: WHILE JSP AND JCP PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE LARGE DEMONSTRATIONS, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS, DEMONSTRATORS LIKELY WILL BE ORDERLY AND SELF-CONTROLLED. EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS ARE ANOTHER MATTER, BUT POLICE OBVIOUSLY PREPARING ENERGETIC MEASURES TO HOLD THEM IN CHECK.
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